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**RE: US Application No. 09/018,783  
Filed: February 4, 1998  
First Named Inventor: Thomas L. Ritzdorf  
Attorney Docket No. 29195-8162US**

***Transmitted herewith is the Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Please process.***

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Ritzdorf et al.

Application No.: 09/018,783

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Filed: February 4, 1998

Art Unit: 2811

For: **METHOD FOR FILLING RECESSED  
MICRO-STRUCTURES WITH  
METALLIZATION IN THE PRODUCTION  
OF A MICROELECTRONIC DEVICE**

Examiner: O. Nadav

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**  
**MAILED ON OCTOBER 21, 2005**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

On May 26, 2004, Applicants' filed a Response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2004. On October 24, 2005, Applicants' received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 21, 2005. The Notice indicated that Claims 10 and 24 did not contain proper claim identifiers. Accordingly, Applicants' hereby submit the attached version with proper claim identifiers for all claims.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 291958162US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated 26 February 2004 in the above-identified application. No amendments are being made to the application at this time. For the Examiner's convenience, however, the undersigned has included a listing of the claims currently pending in the application.